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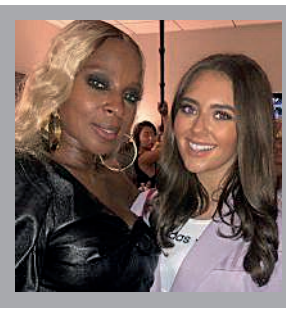
Fifth election success for Rosie Cooper



Alexa mixes with the Hollywood set

Clock Tower lit up in campaign to help prevent violence against women

The Ormskirk Clock Tower has been lit up for the White Ribbon Campaign

LANDMARKS in Lancashire including Ormskirk's Clock Tower were lit up as part of a county-wide initiative to help draw attention to violence against women and girls.

The 'White Ribbon Campaign' which ran from November 25 to December 10, saw 16 days of action nationally on domestic abuse, and was supported in Lancashire by the police and the Crime Commissioner for Lancashire Constabulary, Clive Grimshaw.

White Ribbon UK was founded in 2005, and is part of a global movement to help end male violence against women.

Volunteer ambassadors act as role models, engaging with other men and boys to call out abusive and sexist behaviour among their peers and 'promote a culture of equality and respect'. The organisation work with men and boys to challenge those male cultures that can lead to harassment, abuse and violence. Ormskirk Clock Tower was one of just three buildings in the county to be lit up, alongside The Calico Gateway Building in Burnley, and Preston Town Hall. Each of the buildings saw projections of the White Ribbon logo and key messages around their mission statement - 'never to commit, excuse or remain silent about male violence against women'.

Other activity which took place in Lancashire as part of the 16 days of action included a conference organised by the Commissioner's office. Continued inside

COUNCIL VOTES TO GO 'SINGLE USE' PLASTIC FREE IN 2020!

Report by **Kenny Parker**

WEST Lancs council has pledged to go single-use plastics free in 2020 after councillors unanimously passed a motion tabled by Our West Lancashire (OWL).

The OWL party's leader, Councillor Adrian Owens, said the council needed to take a lead in the community in the fight against the harm plastic waste is causing to the environment.

Environmental Investigation Agency, an influential charity which investigates and campaigns for the environment, claims unprecedented growth in the production and use of plastics is triggering a 'global environmental crisis'.

The research-led organisation says that each year at least eight million tonnes of plastics leak into the ocean, an amount set to quadruple by 2050 unless major reform is put in place. Over 800 species are known to have ingested or been entangled in marine plastic pollution, killing hundreds of thousands of animals every year.

Councillor Adrian Owens.

West Lancs council will now be playing its part in tackling the problem following the full agreement of councillors at a council meeting held on Wednesday, December 11.

The motion put forward by Cllr Adrian Owens was that the elimination of Single Use Plastics (SUP) be made part of the council's 'Carbon Neutrality Plan' which is currently being prepared.

Stating that 300 million tons of plastic are produced around the globe each year, of which 50% is for disposable applications such as packaging, the motion proposed that the council:

- Develop a robust strategy to make the council a 'single-use plastic free' authority by the end of 2020 including an end to the purchase and procurement of SUPs through the council's supply chain and the transition to the use of compostable bags for litter collection
- End the provision of SUP products such as cups and cutlery in council buildings and at council run events

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Ticketless train passengers are taken to court

RESIDENTS from Ormskirk and Skelmersdale were among those taken to court by Merseyrail for not producing a ticket when stopped by inspectors.

Dwayne Adebola, 20, from Wigan Road, Ormskirk, and Aidan Large, 21, from Carfield, Skelmersdale, were both fined £80 and made to pay £132 in costs and victim surcharge at Sefton Magistrates Court on December 11.

Prosecutor Michelle McLachlan said Adebola had not produced a ticket for a journey costing £6.80 while Large did not produce a ticket for a £3.90 journey. The men were also made to pay for the cost for the original journey. Neither turned up for the court hearing.

Ms McLachlan said that rail passengers are summoned to court only if they fail to pay the initial fixed penalty of £20 or the subsequent £100 penalty issued if that is not paid.

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Motorist was caught with no insurance

A BURSCOUGH woman caught driving while disqualified told a court she did not realise she had to take an extended driving test to regain her driving licence.

Bethany Kirwin, 19, of Colburne Close, Burscough, appeared at Sefton Magistrates Court on December 11 where it was heard she was banned from driving for 12 months at Preston Crown Court in August 2017 for dangerous driving and driving without insurance or a licence, with a requirement that she took an extended driving test before her licence was returned. She was pulled over by police on Ormskirk Road, Aintree after the Police National Computer showed her car was not insured.

Solicitor Eileen Chisnall said Kirwin did not realise she had to take the extended test.

The magistrates said they accepted Kirwin had contacted the DVLA and had not been told she needed to take the extended test once her disqualification ended.

They fined her £305, ordered that she pay £117 in costs and victim surcharge, and added eight penalty points to her licence.

Patricia Ireland and Dr. Sacha Youzguin at the Breathe Easy meeting

Breathe Easy group celebrate 18th year anniversary

MEMBERS of Southport and West Lancashire Breathe Easy group celebrated their 18 year anniversary since the group was formed back in 2001 at their recent AGM.

Dr. Sacha Youzguin, Respiratory Consultant at Southport Hospital, came along to speak to them after the main business of the meeting, and provided, a Question and Answer Session on Respiratory issues.

The first meeting of the New Year will be held on Monday, January 20, starting at 11am at the Girl Guide HQ, Green Lane, Ormskirk, L39 1ND, when they will begin with a half-hour's singing with the Power of Music duo, Jacqui and Ken, followed after a coffee break with a talk by Cardiac Specialist Nurse, Nicky Trotter, who has agreed to come and speak to them.

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Pensioner died of natural causes

A 75-YEAR-old Ormskirk man who was arrested on suspicion of murdering his partner has been released after a postmortem showed she had died of natural causes.

Greater Manchester Police said they were alerted by staff at the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan, following the death of 69-year-old patient on Friday night.

However, a postmortem carried out over the weekend showed the woman had died of natural caused and the man was released.

A police spokesperson said: "Officers attended the hospital and were informed that a 69-year-old woman, a patient at the hospital, had sadly passed away and staff were concerned about the circumstances of the woman's death. A 75-year-old man from Ormskirk, was arrested on suspicion of murder. A post mortem examination has revealed that the 69-year-old woman died of natural causes and the man was released from police custody.

"The full circumstances are still being investigated and a file will now be passed to the coroner."

Council to go single use plastic free next year

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Work with tenants and operators in commercial properties owned by West Lancs council to encourage the phasing out of SUP cups, bottles, cutlery and straws

● Encourage the borough's businesses, organisations and residents to go 'single- use plastic free' working with best practice partners to provide business support, practical guidelines and advice to help local businesses transition from SUPs to sustainable alternatives.

Following the success of the vote, Cllr Owens, said: "Recent research has indicated that eight million metric tonnes of plastic ends up in the world's oceans each year, endangering marine life.

"It is estimated that plastics in landfill can take hundreds of years to decompose. Around 50% of the plastic produced around the globe each year is for disposable applications such as packaging.

"The council must take a lead in our community and act locally in the face of this problem. That's why Our West Lancashire put the issue before all councillors and I'm delighted that our motion passed unanimously.

"By the end of 2020, the council aims to be 'single use plastic free' and to use compostable bags for our litter collection. We will also work with tenants of our commercial buildings and the wider local business community and residents to promote the environmental benefits of going 'single-use plastic."

Clock Tower lit up for White Ribbon Camapign

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Delegates at the conference reported back on a pilot project dedicated to supporting abuse victims and bringing perpetrators to justice.

The Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) project has seen specialist support for domestic abuse victims placed into a health setting, one of which is at Southport and Ormskirk and Hospitals NHS Trust.

Mr Grunshaw said: "It's absolutely crucial that we send the message loud and clear that, with thousands of incidents across our County, we will not tolerate Domestic Abuse in any form. Tackling it falls squarely under my Police and Crime Plan and I'm proud that my office and partners across Lancashire continue to show this is not an issue we take lightly.

"My office has held White Ribbon status since early 2015 and in 2017 I was proud to lead the effort that saw Lancashire become the first White Ribbon County, which was an important achievement that I am really proud of.

"Violence against women and girls is unacceptable and shockingly over 90% of domestic abuse is witnessed by children. This has to stop and anything we can do to tackle the issue and get people talking about it has to be a good thing.

"I have made specialist support for victims available through Lancashire Victim Services and I would urge anyone affected to contact the service."

Travel firm flying high after winning top award

Report by **Kenny Parker**

Staff at award winning Distant Travel company based in Ormskirk.

AN Ormskirk travel company is on cloud nine after winning Gold at the prestigious 2019 British Travel Awards

Distant Journeys, an escorted tour operator based in Ormskirk, won the Best Holiday Company (small) to Australasia, and came runner up in both the Best Holiday Company (small) to Sub Saharan Africa and Best Escorted Tours Holiday Company (small) with two silvers.

The announcements were made at a glamorous Gala Awards ceremony, held in London and attended by nearly a thousand travel industry professionals.

The British Travel Awards is the largest awards programme in the UK created to reward the best companies in travel. Winners are chosen by a consumer poll which ran from July 1 to September 30.

Distant Journeys, which launched in September 2014, and is based at Hattersley Court, has now won seven awards in total since its inaugural tour departing at the end of July 2015,

The company says it has an experienced and well-travelled, dedicated team on hand who have a long history of travel industry experience.

Simon Whittle, managing director at Distant Journeys, said: "It is the fourth year running we have been lucky enough to receive an award but this year, we achieved three awards and that is amazing. It is an incredible achievement for us.

"I would like to thank the amazing Distant Journeys team who go above and beyond to ensure our travellers have the most memorable travel experiences and we would like to thank our very loyal customers who travel with us year on year who voted for us. We could not have achieved this without their amazing feedback and support."

British Travel Awards' chief executive Lorraine Barnes Burton said: "Distant Journeys is to be congratulated on achieving not one, not two but three awards. The competition was particularly strong this year but ultimately it is the travelling public who decide the winner by voting for the travel companies they consider the best in the business.

"The British Travel Awards is the largest consumer awards programme in the UK and to win is truly an accolade."

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Burscough PARISH COUNCIL

ANNOUNCEMENT

Burscough Parish Council has decided to change its status to a Town Council with effect from the 1st January 2020. This decision has been made after a recommendation made by our internal auditor. In his report in last year's (2018/19) internal audit report and also after a working party of Councillors set up by the Parish Council investigated the possibility of a change. Both of these reports were fully discussed at a full Parish Council meeting on 13th November 2019.

The auditor's recommendation and the working party sited that similar sized Parish's such as Maghull and Penwortham had moved to Town Council status. This and because of the Parish's growth in population, now exceeding 10,000 and the fact the Neighbourhood Plan is now in place, which recognises the fact that, "with over 3800 homes and around 10,000 residents, in many ways Burscough feels like a small town. Change is constant. The short to medium term future will bring significant change with the development of Yew Tree Farm and the residents, employers, and visitors that this will bring with it." It is now in the best interests of residents that this change to Town Council status now takes place.

The full resolution at the meeting of 13th November reads.

"It was resolved to move to Town Council status on 1st January 2020, and to retain the title of Chairperson and the existing Remuneration Policy."

This motion was passed by a unanimous vote. It was also agreed that the practicalities of the change in status would be phased in over a period of time and would as far as practically possible have a zero effect on the finances of the Council.

Thank you.

Brian Kennedy, Burscough Parish Council Chairman.

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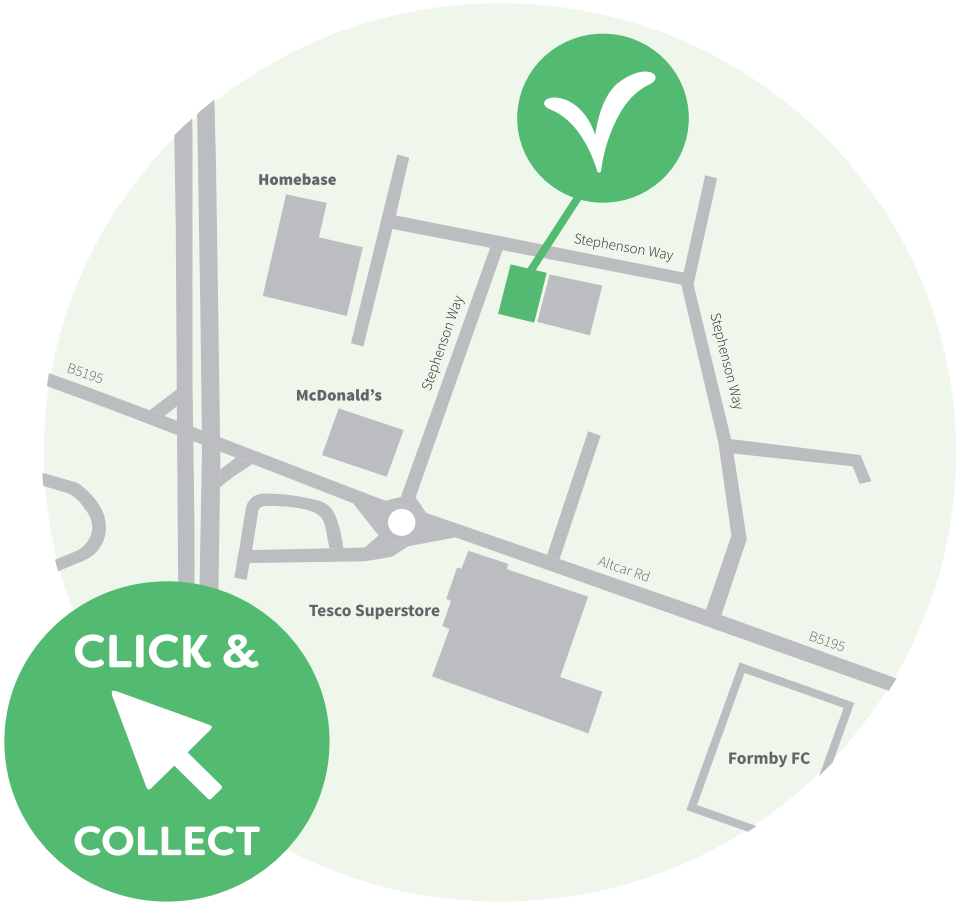

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Marie, 100!

A 100-year-old has credited the love of her family as the secret to her long life.

Marie Richman, who is originally from Liverpool but who moved to West Lancs 15 years ago, still lives an active and independent life despite her age at Crosshall Court Sheltered Housing, in Ormskirk.

She celebrated her 100th milestone on Tuesday, December 10 and had parties both in Ormskirk and in Scarborough, where there were five generations of family sharing the occasion with her. The centenarian, who was a factory worker in her youth, had two sons Patrick and Edward with her first husband Patrick, a ship's captain, and now has grandchildren, great grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

Marie with family and friends at Crosshall Court accommodation.

Sharon Hilton, older person's support worker at Crosshall Court, said: "Marie is really active, she spends her time socialising and shopping and is never still. She is an absolute inspiration."

And about the source of Marie's longevity, Sharon added: "She says the secret to her long life is the love of her family."

Cooper back as West Lancs MP

LABOUR'S Rosie Cooper has retained the West Lancashire constituency - but her majority was reduced from the 2017 election.

Report by **Henry James**

Ms Cooper, 69, who will be the borough's MP for the fifth time, received 27,458 votes (more than half the votes – 52%) ahead of Jack Gilmore for the Conservatives with 19,122 votes.

Labour's majority was 8,336 votes, which was down 3,353 votes from their majority at the 2017 election.

The turnout in West Lancashire was 71.8% with almost 53,000 people out of 73,346 voting. This was down 2.4 per cent from in 2017.

Simon Thomson for the Liberal Democrats came third with 2,560 votes, Marc Stanton for The Brexit Party had 2,275 and John Puddifer for the Green's polled 1,248 votes.

Speaking after her successful re-election, Rosie Cooper MP said: "I would like to thank the constituents of West Lancashire for again putting their faith in me to be their voice in Westminster, and to continue working hard to represent their views and concerns and working to address their needs. I will now continue to do what I promised I would when I was first elected in 2005 – to be West Lancashire's voice in Westminster and not Westminster's voice in West Lancashire.

"My immediate priorities will be to hold this Conservative government to account, including their word that they would provide the funding for Skelmersdale railway station. I will continue the fight against fracking, against Universal Credit, against underfunding and under resourcing of the NHS, social care, councils, the police, and the removal of the free over 75s TV licence.

"We showed during this election campaign that despite many voters' concerns with many issues including Brexit and Leadership, that we had listened hard to our voters and concentrated on many of the local issues of concern to West Lancashire residents. While it is pleasing to know that our hard work was successful, it is of course tempered by the disappointment of losing so many seats, particularly in our Labour heartlands, and the loss of some hard working friends and colleagues.

"Now that the election is over, I can get back to fully representing my West Lancashire constituents."

Ms Cooper, who represents a Leave constituency, had defied her party to vote with the government on Brexit deals.

Jack Gilmore, Conservative Parliamentary Candidate commented: "Whilst naturally disappointed with the local result, I take great heart from the national outcome and particularly the winning of so many seats in the North of England.

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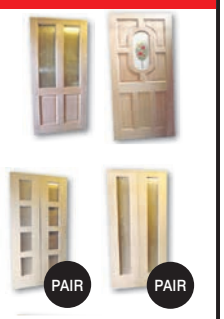

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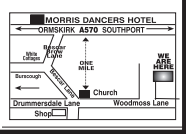

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Athena Healthcare Group - 2019 Round-Up

As 2019 draws to a close, we've been taking stock of all the fond memories our care community has created this year. We saw all sorts of in-home activities and outings across the Group, including our Great British Bake Off and trip to Concorde. As the Bake Off heated up on Channel 4, our lodges held their own delicious 4-week series of baking activities; the categories were tarts, pies, biscuits and cakes. You can see the photos and videos of our star bakers and their showstoppers on the lodge Facebook pages!

As part of our Make A Wish initiative, where we worked with our residents to achieve things they always wanted to do, we visited Concorde. Our resident, aged 86, climbed the long staircase unaided, to board the Concorde and make his dream a reality. He and his fellow lodge residents enjoyed a VIP tour of the legendary Concorde G-BOAC at Manchester Runway Visitor Park. Alison, a member of Athena's senior team said,

"There's always something exciting going on at our lodges, the level choice we provide our residents is something we're truly proud of!"

Here at Athena, we're committed to working closely with our local communities to breakdown social barriers such as isolation and we continued to do so in 2019. Through initiatives such as the Community Hub, our twinned nurseries and other outreach programmes we seek to develop lasting and meaningful links with the community.

2019 saw the launch of our newest reminiscence therapy initiatives, Musical Memory Café and Past Lives. The Musical Memory Café is open to the public and seeks to reduce isolation and create new bonds of friendship over the memories linked to music. Whilst Past Lives enables our residents to revisit places of significance from their pasts, to share happy memories.
Watch this space, as in 2020 we'll be launching our Sporting Memories initiative to build on the above!

We're truly grateful to all for making 2019 so wonderful. From all at Athena, we wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy new year!

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Reminder that borough's residents can see a GP in the evening and at weekends through the 'Extended Access' scheme

Report by **Henry James**

Dr John Caine.

RESIDENTS are being reminded that they can now access a GP in the evening and at the weekend through the Extended Access scheme.

NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is telling people in the borough that the Extended Access scheme operates seven days a week, 365 days a year, including bank holidays.

This includes Christmas Day (Wednesday, December 25), Boxing Day (Thursday, December 26) and New Year's Day (Wednesday, January 1).

The service is offered at GP practices across West Lancashire. To book an evening or weekend appointment simply call the GP practice and make an appointment as you would do normally.

Dr John Caine, a local GP and chair at NHS West Lancashire CCG, said: "We know from listening to our local population that accessing a GP was proving increasingly difficult for patients.

"The Extended Access scheme was introduced to reflect the needs of patients in today's society, by not only increasing the availability of GP appointments, but also making these appointments available later in the evening and at the weekend.

"Visiting a GP during typical working hours isn't always possible, due to work or other commitments, so the Extended Access scheme allows patients to visit a GP up to 8pm on weekday evenings and from 9am to 5pm on Saturday and Sunday. Weekend times can vary during the year, so please check with your practice.

"When you make an appointment with the Extended Access scheme you may be offered an appointment at your local GP surgery, another local GP surgery, or another local NHS service."

More information is available at www.nhs.uk/GPaccess or via their own GP.

Mum sets up campaign group against changes to women's state pension age

Report by **Kenny Parker**

Members of the new WASPI group in Burscough. Jeannie Pritchard (second from right) and Burscough West Councillor Andy Pritchard (no relation) is third right.

A BURSCOUGH mum has set up a local group to protest against changes to the age at which women born in 1950s can claim a state pension.

Jeannie Pritchard, 64, is one of 3.8 million women who have been affected by changes to the state pension age.

The retirement age for women has increased from 60 to 65, in line with men, and will go up to 66 by 2020, and to 67 by 2028.

Nearly four million women have been affected by these changes and those born in the 1950s claim the rise is unfair because they were not given enough time to make adjustments to cope with years without a State Pension.

National organisation WASPI (Women Against State Pension Inequality), which is campaigning for women to be compensated during the transitional period, says that the age increases were introduced too quickly, with many women given too short notice, or even no notice at all, leaving them ill prepared and plunging them into financial hardship,

Jeannie, a mum of two, was running her own small business, a doll and teddy hospital in Burscough, when she turned 60, so was not caught out as many of the so called WASPI women were.

However, she says she is now suffering from financial hardship after retiring four months ago due to stress and ill health.

She was denied a sickness benefit (Personal Independence Payment), despite being diagnosed with life long condition lupus about 15 years ago which led to her retiring from a job in the NHS, and presently only receives £4 per month in Universal Credit – leaving her with £300 a month to live on from her occupational pension.

Saying she doesn't have enough to live on and needs to sell her house, she says the Government has broken its contract with women who for years paid National Insurance contributions with the belief they were going to get a state pension at the age of 60.

She became involved with WASPI at events held in Liverpool and has now set up a WASPI group for women in her local area.

"We were not told that the state pension age was going to change, so we didn't make provisions," she said, "Women were always on low wages, were discriminated against for years and at one point were not even allowed to have a pension. We were looking after children then looking after family.

"I now don't have enough to live on. My house is up for sale. I do not have an option, like other WASPI women do not have. If I had state pension I would not have to do that. The people in Government do not realise what they've done to women."

Burscough WASPI meetings will be monthly, likely at Bull and Dog Inn, Burscough, at times still to be confirmed.

For more information on the group and details on meetings, email: burscoughwaspi@gmail.com

Church set to hold annual carol service

CHRIST Church Parbold will be holding their annual carol service on Sunday, December 22 at 6pm.

There will also be a Christingle service on Christmas Eve at 6pm.

A spokesperson said: "Everyone is welcome to join us in our beautiful candlelit church to enjoy our traditional service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 22.

"The service is around an hour in length and a lovely way to celebrate Christmas.

"The Christingle service is for all the family, an hour in length and a great one to invite family and friends to. Again, everyone is welcome."

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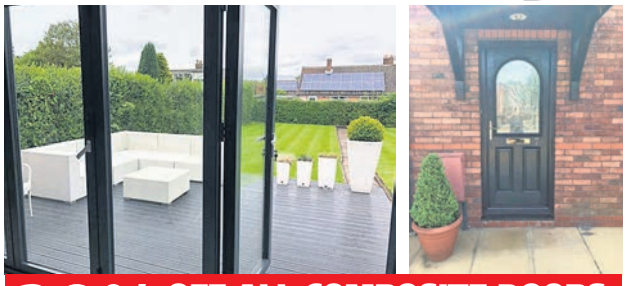

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Brownies cast their votes!

MEMBERS of the Fourth Parbold & Dalton Brownies have been queuing up to cast their votes during activities undertaken by them as part of UK Parliament Week.

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"They learned all about Parliament in a fun way."

Meanwhile, the group is looking for people who would like to help Brownies or other Guiding Units in Parbold.

Anyone interested should contact Sandy Smith on 01257 463407.

A member of the Fourth Parbold & Dalton Brownies casts their vote

Council makes it 'quicker and easier' for tenants to stay on top of their rent

WEST Lancashire Borough Council has made it 'quicker and easier' for tenants to set up a direct debit and stay on top of their rent to help with budgeting over the Christmas period.

Tenants whose rent accounts are not in arrears can benefit from two weeks where they don't have to pay any rent from December 23 which the council said can also be a great help at this time of year, although the council points out that rent should be paid in advance.

Any tenants who are having difficulties budgeting and managing Christmas bills can get in touch with the council's money advice team on 01695 585250 or visit www.westlancs.gov.uk/moneyadvice.

A council spokesman said: "It's really important that no one turns to a loan shark and the money advice team can also guide people on alternatives such as Credit Unions such as Knowsley Mutual Credit Union (www.knowsleymutualcu.co.uk) which operates in West Lancashire.

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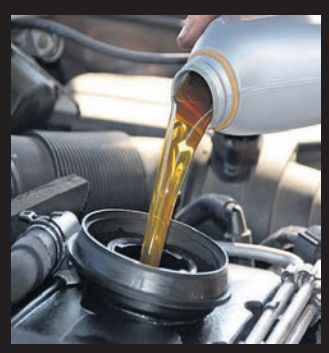

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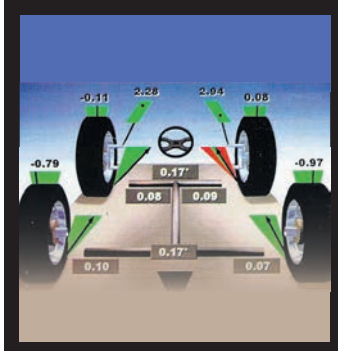

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Having a clear-out is just the ticket to finding lost treasures!

WELL here I am on General Election day with dogs Tina and Cinders going bananas as a really friendly electrician is starting work on completely rewiring my domicile - a task which unhappily will take about four days with lots of banging and drilling going on to keep the dogs barking.

At least they are not barking mad as most of our politicians seem to be.

Last week I suffered the self imposed indignity of having years of accumulated junk cleared out of the house - with, sadly not a few items that were in fact not junk at all including, slightly puzzlingly, most of my eating-type knives.

Which brought me to a rather strange fact. My local Home Bargains store sells quite attractive cutlery - forks and spoons - but not knives.

I presume this is to stop possible weapons from falling into the wrong hands, but really, what is the point in selling all the table ware you need - except knives? After all, a table knife is hardly likely to appeal to any attacker.

Still, the upshot of all this is surely worth a knife or four if it restores power to Sharpey Towers.

Still, apart from items gone astray, the clearance also brought to light several items I thought had gone for good - including a book about the Atlantic Liner RMS Aquitania and a more esoteric item

It is a bus conductor's 'TIM' ticket machine formerly of Aberdare Corporation which can print our such useful tickets as workmans' returns with values down to one 'old' penny.

I bought it cheaply many years ago, though I believe they are rather rare and worth far more now.

Many years ago I wrote a feature about a man who runs a typewriter museum which included many other interesting objects and I promised him the long-term loan of my ticket machine.

I meant to dig it out when I got home and take it round to him, but could I find it - could I heck.

Eventually I decided that I must have abandoned it in my house in Colchester when I moved back to this area.

If this chap and his museum are still going strong I would be only too pleased to fulfil my promise if he contacts me via the Champion - and I won't lose it again!

And talking (yes, again) about bus related things, again many years ago when a bus stop, or shelter was provided with a timetable board it had 'proper' timetables on it, showing not just when an XXX bus was due, but with a comprehensive list of the times it reached each major point between where you were and where you were going.

Now all you get is the time it is supposed to reach wherever you are at the moment -which is fine if you use that service regularly but not so good if you don't and would rather like to know when you are likely to arrive at your destination.

Mind you, folk these days seem incapable of actually reading a timetable so perhaps that is why - and to be fair this isn't something that has happened only in recent years.

When I lived and worked in Colchester I was based at BT's Eastern Region HQ - which housed all the Big Wigs from the Regional Controller down, whose secretaries were generally known as 'the girls on the seventh floor.'

They regularly came down from their eerie to ask me how to read train timetables - as did all kinds of folk from all kinds of departments who wished to catch a train to some area headquarters.

Oh well, I seem to have covered trains and boats and though my flying days seem to be over since my motor cruiser Manxman came into my life you have been treated to a dose of buses instead.

I am still not sure whether my electric supply will have been restored by Christmas since my suppliers are somewhat dilatory in sending an engineer to check the system back on. Only time will tell.

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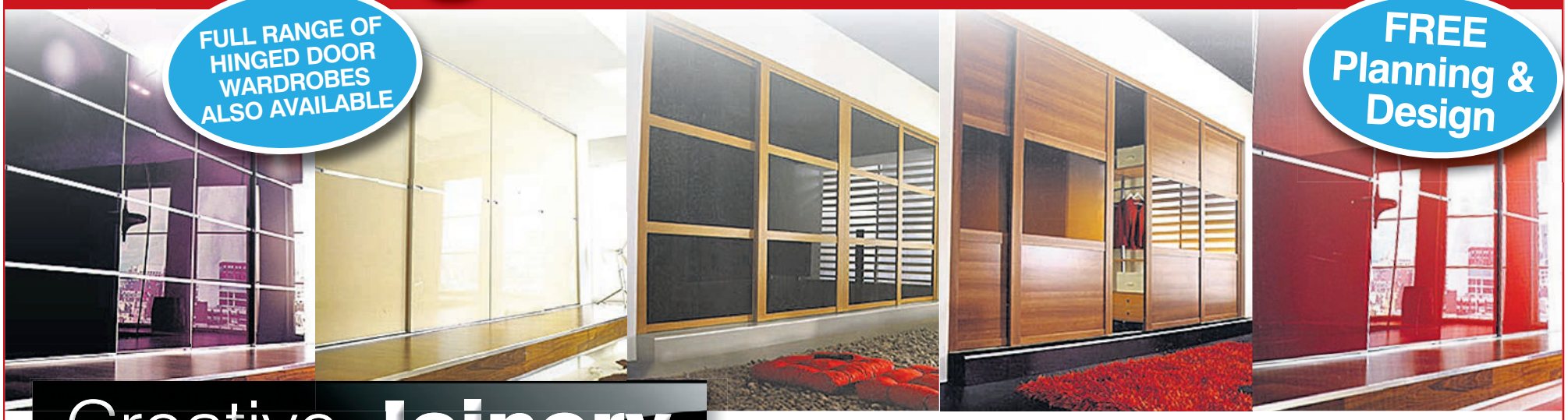

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Significant concerns over Parbold landfill application

The planning application regarding Parbold Hill landfill continues its high public profile.

Numbers of significant consultants have now given evidence-based assessments on this proposal. These come from professional bodies with an unbiased interest in the oversight of this iconic heritage sight with regards to its usage, management and future preservation for all.

The expertise which now informs all parties comes from ecology services, environmental agencies, civil engineering hydrology specialists as well as interested bodies such as the Council for the Protection of Rural England and, Natural England.

Reports and concerns are emerging from our county, borough and parish councils who are most affected by these proposals. As in previous letters we sound the alarms again about the local and wider ecology, transport infrastructures, environmental and social welfare, all impinged by this reapplication.

The inadequate investigation behind these proposals has called for specialist specific reports to establish informed and sensible perspectives. As consultants have been forthcoming their evidence-based opinions have been measured against the application as it stands. It has been weighed in the balances and found wanting.

The hydrology report forecasts that, once work is 'complete' the need for leachate pumping will not have been removed. This is not what the applicant wants to hear;

The current stability on the site may be altered with the 'dumpage' potentially causing instability and slippage. The migration of carbon dioxide and methane is caused by land instability;

Pollution in our water systems is initiated when moving from a managed to a stable sight (unmanaged);

The high-risk strategy embedded in this application is without adequate controls over the process and the culminating aftermath which is ours!

In addition to these risks, the 'special circumstances', upon which the success of this application depends, fail to be demonstrated in this application.

Fundamentally this proposal has a grossly inadequate baseline for monitoring and care-taking. At its heart is the objective to remove the need for this expense in management. It is opportunistic at the core and is prospected to deliver vast profits in the 'long term'. In the short term, and ever-after, losses affecting our leisure, education, business, health care and infrastructures.

Such losses are on us and, those to whom we all owe custodianship for the future, and the immediate safety of our communities, inclusive of wildlife, in the ward of Parbold and her surrounding areas.

David Secrett,
Parbold

PICTURE of the week

Red sky at nigh, Shepherd's delight... This striking picture was taken by West Lancs resident, Laura Taylor, from her back garden in Ormskirk just as the winter sun was setting at 4pm.

Fearful for the future

I believe it to be the case that Lancashire County Council has awarded £104m of NHS contracts to Virgin Care for child health services.

Virgin Care also run local Walk-In Centres and now I find GP services fully engaged with the privatisation of our NHS.

I needed an appointment for an Ultra Sound yet, without telling me I had a preference, my GP automatically assumed my appointment was going to be with Virgin Care.

I said, 'I don't want to use Virgin Care, I want the NHS'. He then searched into the bowels of his computer to find the NHS paperwork but because I had chosen the NHS, I had to make my own appointment.

This was fine by me because I got an earlier appointment for Ormskirk hospital, but what I find deeply worrying about this scenario is that my GPs are actively engaged in privatising GP practices and services by stealth.

My dad used to say 'Your health is everything' and now I am elderly I know exactly what he meant. When Johnson and Trump announce they are not interested in privatising our NHS, I can't help but worry.

Lying has now become normalised in politics - or, maybe, it has been there all the time.

Nye Bevan said the NHS will last as long as people have the faith to fight for it but it's going to be difficult especially with unelected people making deals behind closed doors.

Anyone with children or grandchildren should rightly fear for their future.

**Chris Carr,
Little Digmoor,
Skelmersdale**

Cricket club has been treated with contempt by Lancashire

Once again a Lancashire County fixture will not be held at Southport & Birkdale Cricket Club in 2020. *(as reported in the Champion)*.

They have again opted to play matches at the remote rural location of Sedbergh School in the Yorkshire Dales.

No wonder Lancashire have now dropped County from their name and are now known as Lancashire Cricket Club which was done without consulting the membership.

The Southport club have been treated with contempt, especially when it has gone out of its way to accommodate Lancashire CC by improving the changing rooms and facilities at the Southport club's own expense.

Lancashire Director of Cricket, Paul Allott, claims the club is prepared to supply extra ground staff to help on preparation in 2021 if Southport is granted a county championship fixture, so why could they have not offered this in 2020?

Unfortunately Lancashire has a reputation for rubbing clubs up the wrong way and many league clubs previously on the circuit have now opted not to offer their grounds for Lancashire second eleven fixtures because they received no help and it is more trouble than it is worth for the volunteers required, I can think of at least 15 league clubs who have made this decision.

Jeff Carter,
Southport

Has West Lancs become a big dumping ground?

I have just been reading my Champion newspaper and two things made me think, and ask the question, what is happening to this area I live in?

Firstly, I read that four fire engines attended the Concourse shopping centre. Although they did a great job, as did the staff at the Concourse, in dealing with the fire, my question is this... if it took four engines to attend - two from Skelmersdale, one from Ormskirk and one from Manchester, why can we not have more fire engines based in Skelmersdale?

What would have happened if either Ormskirk or Manchester had a major incident? How would they cope? It sounds silly that an engine from as far away as Manchester is sent here, taking time to arrive when it could be a life or death situation.

Secondly, with regard to the proposed new tip at Parbold, why is it our borough's job to except rubbish from other parts of the UK?

We already have Whitemoss tip with plans to extend, now we are going to get inert waste from somewhere else. Are we the new dumping ground for the nation?

**Mr D Jones,
Skelmersdale**

Rainbows every day

I reply to Mr Chris Carr's letter, December 11, 'Fearful for Future of health service,' I would like to make the following comments:

While I concur with many of the points made by Mr Carr, I must strongly disagree on his belief, 'that your health is your wealth'.

Now that the election is finally behind us and the Conservatives have secured a landslide majority, your health is not your wealth but instead your health will soon be the wealth of private health insurance companies.

However, not to worry because after Brexit there will be rainbows every day.

**Joe Welsh.
Skelmersdale**

Silent majority will always win in the end

DEMOCRACY has been saved and the people have spoken.

Now perhaps all those MPs - the Remoaners and the enemies of the people who thought they knew best but knew nothing by attempting to thwart the democratic process - will go back to hiding under the collective stone from whence they came.

Shame on them all for causing three-and-a-half-years of delay and dither. Thanks to them and, of course, their Remainer friends who had the arrogance to think Leavers had changed their mind on Brexit, our faith in Parliament was on the verge of collapse. But the great British public - the silent majority of this country rose as one to roar our disapproval at what had gone on.

Yes, there may have been 'a million' on the streets of London whingeing for a People's Vote but it turned out, as we knew it would, that they were in fact the minority who had rather large opinions of themselves.

It is the silent majority of this country whose will always wins in the end.

**'A Beleaver'
Tarleton**

Stardom beckons for Alexa after she wins recording contract with LA producer

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A FORMER head girl at Ormskirk's St Bede's High School is hoping that stardom beckons after winning a recording contract with Hollywood producer DJ Cassidy.

Alexa Oates, from Aughton – stage name Alexa Joyce – stayed in London after getting a first class degree in music business from the Institute of Contemporary Music Performance, in the hope of finding her fortune as a singer.

Her dream is now coming true after a chance meeting with US record producer DJ Cassidy in Italian fashion store Fiorucci where she was working.

Hitting it off as they talked about her love of Earth Wind and Fire and Chaka Khan, artists her music loving parents had introduced her to while she was growing up, and her dreams of becoming a singer herself, Cassidy invited Alexa to send him some examples of her singing.

The DJ and record producer, who also makes his own music, is best known for spinning the decks for President Barack Obama at his 50th birthday party and his 2009 inauguration party.

He was obviously impressed with Alexa's singing ability because he stayed in London to record some tracks with her.

Alexa said: "I then flew to Los Angeles to meet with him and a couple of other people. I also went to his birthday party

Alexa (above) with DJ Cassidy and (right) with Mary J Blige

which had loads of famous people such as Bobby Brown and Andre Horrell, the guy who signed Mary J Blige.

"I sang at the party and everybody was saying he should sign me.

"The next time I flew out to LA he introduced me to Earth, Wind and Fire and Mary J Blige. He then offered me a contract saying that he wanted to sign me to produce my music."

Mary J Blige is a multi award winning and Oscar nominated singer and actress from the US. Earth, Wind and Fire are one of the world's best selling bands of all time who have also won a stack of awards. Alexa says she will be working with Cassidy on her album once her visa is processed for her to stay and record in the US.

She expects the new album to be released about this time next year.

Writing to the Champion, DJ Cassidy said he was immediately impressed when he and his girlfriend first met Alexa at Fiorucci due to her knowledge of music and the "cultural impact" of Fiorucci. "She sent us her music and her voice was equally impressive," he said, "I stayed in London for a few extra days and we recorded three songs. I knew immediately I had to work with her. She had that special something you cannot explain.

"I am beyond thrilled to be joining forces with Alexa to help bring her music to the world."

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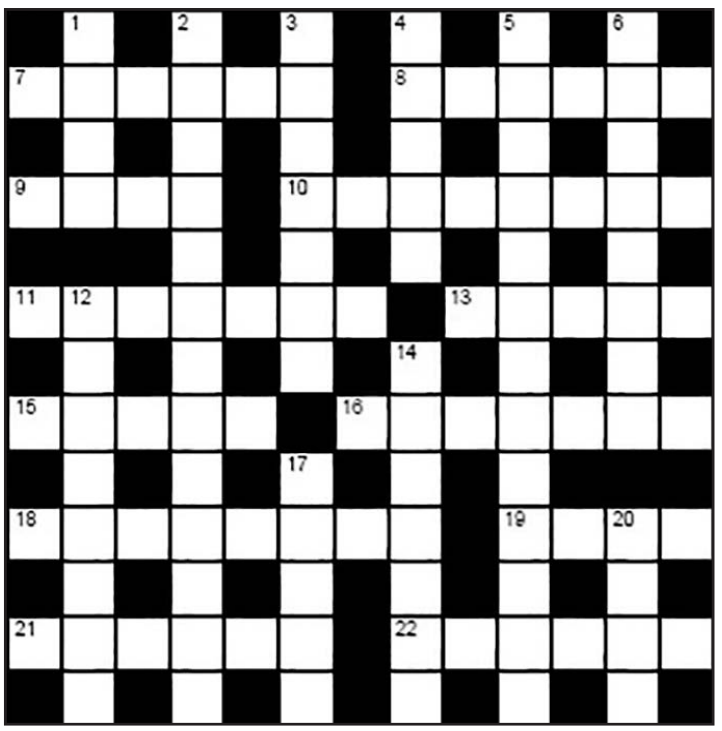

ACROSS

7. Archaic legal term for an accusation or charge (6)
8. A person's state of mind in terms of their being angry or calm (6)
9. Look at intently or quickly (4)
10. Excited (8)
11. Establish the truth or correctness of something (7)
13. The inner and typically larger of the two bones between the knee and the ankle (5)
15. Go for and then bring back something (5)
16. Feeling of apprehension, lack of comfort, or awkwardness especially around other people (7)
18. Small leather screens attached to a horse's bridle to prevent it being distracted (8)
19. The top or highest part of something, especially one forming a point (4)
21. Play or move about in a cheerful and lively way (6)
22. The number of lines in printed or written matter (6)

DOWN

1. A group of countries or political parties with common interests who have formed an alliance (4)
2. In a sufficiently great or important way as to be worthy of attention (13)
3. A person's natural height (7)
4. A violent disturbance of the atmosphere with strong winds and usually rain, thunder, lightning etc. (5)
5. Water-based substance with vinyl or acrylic resins added, used to decorate interior walls and ceilings (8, 5)
6. The study of heredity and the variation of inherited characteristics (8)
12. Feudal ruler; a person of great power or authority (8)
14. A clear, high-pitched sound made by forcing breath through a small hole between partly closed lips or teeth (7)
17. A barrier, railing, or other upright structure, typically of wood or wire, enclosing an area of ground (5)
20. The outside limit of an object, area, or surface (4)

Last week's solutions:

Across: 7. Quotation mark. 8. Hot press. 9. Dune. 10. Lovable. 12. Still. 14. Angst. 16. Inboard. 19. Body. 20. On and off. 22. Alpha and Omega.

Down: 1. Judo. 2. Utopia. 3. Steeply. 4. Torso. 5. Amidst. 6. Granular. 11. Own goals. 13. Unhandy. 15. Scythe. 17. Oedima. 18. Coral. 21. Figs.

PLEASE NOTE: Last week's crossword was a reprint of the one that appeared in the previous week's edition

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NHS Trust scoops national award for 'patient experience'

Report by **Henry James**

A PROJECT that is run by Lancashire & South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust that brings together patients, carers and clinicians to help improve services has won a national award.

The Trust's Seclusion Continuous Improvement Group recently won in the 'Co-created Service Award' category of the 'NHS Elect Patient Experience and Quality Improvement Awards 2019/2020.'

The annual awards this year celebrated projects that achieve great strides in increasing patient experience and care while improving efficiency. It also recognises and highlights good practice among NHS organisations.

Two other services run by the Trust were also shortlisted for the finals of the awards.

The Central Lancashire Moving Well Service was shortlisted in the 'Excellent Teamwork Award' category and the Blackburn & Darwen Pulmonary Rehabilitation Team in the 'Patient Experience and Communications Award' category.

Maria Nelligan, director of Nursing and Quality at Lancashire & South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust, said: "It's excellent to see that the Seclusion Continuous Improvement Group has won a national award of this stature.

"It's also wonderful that three of our services were shortlisted in the same awards, something that testifies to the great person-centred work that is being delivered by our staff and services in Lancashire and South Cumbria.

Maria Nelligan, director of Nursing and Quality at Lancashire & South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust

"The Trust developed the Seclusion Continuous Improvement programme that has done some sterling work in listening to people we provide care to and their families, to improve the quality of care we deliver to people."

The Co-created Service Award recognises services that have been created together with patients, carers and clinicians.

The Seclusion Continuous Improvement Group was formed following feedback from people with experiences of seclusion.

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Champion ENTERTAINMENT

The cast from Ormskirk Theatre Company who performed It's a Wonderful Life - The Radio Play

Theatre company is back in centre of town

Report by **Peter Rimmer**

Ormskirk Theatre Company
It's a Wonderful Life-The Radio Play
Upmarket Theatre Ormskirk

THE Ormskirk Theatre Company is back in the centre of the town after having been a little nomadic over the past four years, playing in various venues, including the Toby Grill!

Their new venue can be found upstairs at the Market Cross pub in Church Street, where there is a very welcoming and comfortable theatre space bringing live theatre to Ormskirk.

The very well-known film, It's a Wonderful Life, has become a staple of Christmas television programming more than seven decades after its release.

Frank Capra directed the film. It tells the story of a suicidal man (James Stewart), who learns to see things differently after being visited by an angel.

With such a well-known story, it was hard to imagine a play, set as a radio programme and adapted by Anthony Palermo, being of much interest, but how wrong could I have been?

It's was a well-acted and staged production, even though the actors read from the script, as they would do on the radio.

The characters came to life with real passion and there were some very good American accents.

George Bailey, who was very well played by Gary Simpson, has so many problems he is thinking about ending it all - and it's Christmas! As the angels discuss George, we hear and see his life in flashback.

It's an interesting story and of course aimed at the audience being on George's side as he is about to jump from a bridge in order to save his family from ruin, but of course, he ends up rescuing his guardian angel and it ends very happily.

The cast made a great job of the many and varied parts, which included everything from children to grumpy old men.

The good sound effects, which are needed in a radio play, and the effective lighting made this a production well worth seeing.

Good luck to the company as they settle back into their revamped surroundings. Next up is On the Eve of a Murder in January, don't miss it.

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See Gremlins on the big screen

GREMLINS is among the films people can see at the Bijou Cinema in Post Office Avenue in Southport this Christmas period.

Gremlins (1984). Mischievous monsters ahoy! Residents probably have seen this on TV but it does take a big screen to fully appreciate this classic movie. Hilarious, suspenseful and really well made, even by today's standards, this is a joy for all the family. (15) It will be shown on Thursday, December 19 at 7.30pm.

Also showing is Bad Santa (2003). As far removed from syrupy Christmas fayre as can be, Billy Bob Thornton excels as the conman turned thieving Santa. It can be seen on December 20 at 7.30 pm.

Panto starting

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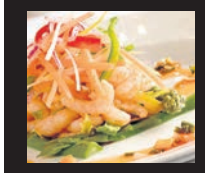

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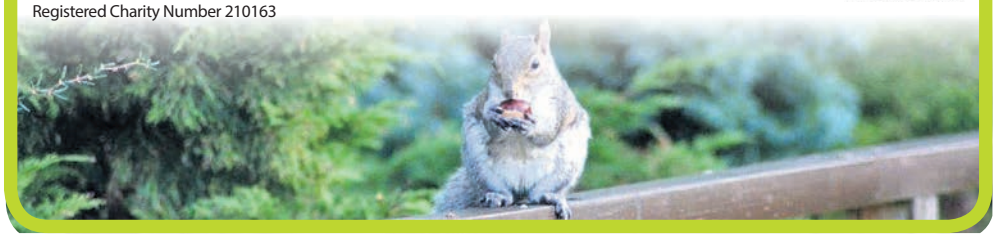

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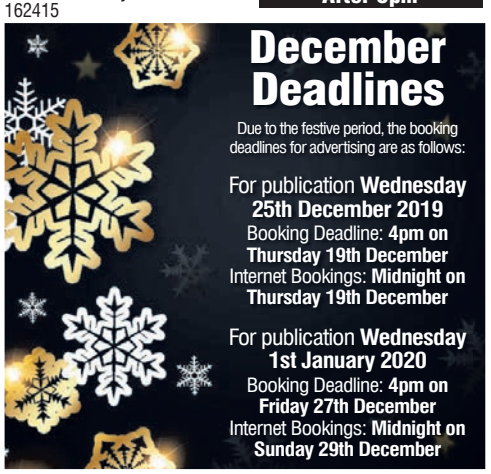
December Deadlines
Due to the festive period, the booking deadlines for advertising are as follows:
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HOGG JACK

The family of the late Jack Hogg would like to thank relatives and friends for their kind messages and sympathy cards, received during their sad loss.
Also thank you to all the standard bearers, and to Rev. Lin Camp for their support at the service.
Thank you to Hunters Funeral Directors for the dignified funeral arrangements.

HART EILEEN

The family of Eileen thank all those who have supported them in so many ways, and thank the many friends who sent us messages of sympathy and appreciation of Eileen.
Special thanks to the Doctors and nursing staff at Southport Hospital and the home carers for all their help, kindness and care. Grateful thanks to our Priest's of St. Anne's Church for their kind ministrations, and to the staff at MLS Independent Funeral Directors for the professional Funeral arrangements.

THOMPSON MARGARET OLIVE

The Family of the late Margaret Thompson would like to express their sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for all the sympathy cards, messages of condolence and donations for Dementia UK received during their recent sad loss.
Thanks for your attendance at the service for Margaret, thanks also to Rev. Pauline Bicknell for her kind words and prayers and to Lisa Hunter and the Team at MLS Independent Funeral Directors for their care and guidance given.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

HILEY PAUL

Sue, Angela and Izzy would like to offer our sincere and heartfelt thanks to all family and friends who attended the celebration of Paul's life and to everyone for their kind messages, cards, beautiful floral tributes and flowers and to all who made donations to our chosen charities.
Heartfelt thanks to the Palliative Care Nurses and district nurses who attended Paul with such kindness and compassion.
Thank you also to the doctors, nurses and staff at Noble's Hospital.
Sincere thanks to Eric Faragher Funeral Directors and especially to Brian for his kindness and professional handling of the arrangements and to The Talk of the Town for their wonderful catering.
Also, special thanks to Reverend Alessandra Di Chiara for the beautiful service at St Peters Church, Onchan and for all her kindness.

WRIGHT JOHN RICHARD

June, Cathy and Jenni wish to express their sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kindness and sympathy shown to them during their recent bereavement.
Also for the cards, letters of condolence, floral tributes received and generous donations received for The Children's Society and St. Cuthbert's Church. Thanks to GP Dr Grenyer and Dr N Z Ali from Clatterbridge.
Thanks to Reverend Rebecca Clarke for her kindness and support and to Moisters Funeral Directors.

To place a family announcement please call 01704 392392

BIRTHDAY MEMORIAMS

WILLIAMS JILL (NEE BENNETT)

22nd December

Loving Birthday Memories of a much loved Daughter, Mum, Sister and Auntie.

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We'll go and see our Jill today
To hear her voice to see her smile
To sit and chat with her awhile
To have her in the same old way
Would be our greatest wish today.

Sadly missed by Mum, David, Nigel, Julie, Ian and families
xxxxx

DEATHS

CARLSON FRANK

11th December 2019
Peacefully in hospital aged 77 years of Skelmersdale

The dearly loved Husband of Eileen. He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.
All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co. Independent Family Funeral Directors Tel: 01695 722122/720012

McGUIGAN MARGARET FRANCES

R-I-P
11th December 2019
Aged 83 years

Much loved Mum of Alison, Edmund, Paul and Liam. Loving Grandma to Patrick, Daniel, Jenna, Ewan and James. Special Sister to Pat and Edmund. Mother-in-Law to Paul, Joanna, Angela and Roxanna.
Margaret will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.
Service at Southport Crematorium on Monday 23rd December at 2:40pm.
Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

DEATHS

LAIDLAW DOROTHY (Formerly Wood) (DOT)

7th December 2019
Aged 94 years

Peacefully at the Promenade Care Home. Much loved Mum of Cathy, Nana of Stephanie and Great-nana of Isabelle, Wesley and Caspian. Service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin Street, Burscough, L40 7SP on Friday 20th December at 1:00pm. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations are being collected for the N.S.P.C.C. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

THORNTON-SMITH ADRIAN (IAN)

5th December 2019
Aged 82 years

Passed away peacefully at Dovecote Manor Care Home. Loved Brother of Carolyn and Wendy. Ian will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin Street, Burscough, L40 7SP on Monday 6th January at 11:30am. Donations are being collected in lieu of flowers for the Stroke Association. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

DEATHS

EDWARDS ROB

6th December 2019
After a short illness, suddenly in hospital
Aged 51 years.

Much loved Dad of Helena and Billy. Loving Son of Eric and Rena. Rob will be sadly missed by family, friends and all who knew him. Funeral service and committal will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Friday 27th December 2019 at 12.15pm. Family flowers only by request please. Donations may be made to a charity of your own choice if desired, in memory of Rob.
Further enquiries please to Brookfields Funeralcare, 73-75 Shakespeare Street, Southport, PR8 5AJ. Tel No: 01704 532106.

WALSH JENNIFER (Nee Rigby)

Passed away peacefully on 1st December 2019 at Orchard Manor Nursing Home, Chester, aged 90 years

Beloved Wife to Robert, cherished Mum to Angela and Karen, devoted Sister to Derek, loving Mum-in-law to Eddie, loving Nan to Paul, Mark, and Debbie, special Nana to Oscar and Sophie.
The funeral service and committal will be held at Flintshire Crematorium on Tuesday 17th December at 2pm.
Family flowers only, donations if so desired to the Salvation Army.
All enquiries to W. Williams & Son: 0151 339 2129

DEATHS

KELLY PATRICIA (AUNTY PAT)

10th December 2019
Peacefully in hospital aged 80 years

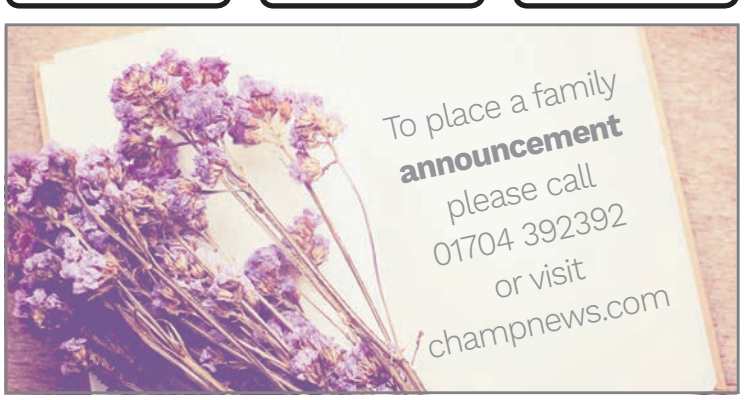
Loving Wife of the late Peter.
Devoted Mum of Patricia, Peter and Kathleen. Cherished Nan and Great Nan of all her Grandchildren.
Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service will take place at St Richards Church on Friday 20th December at 11am followed by committal at West Lancashire Crematorium.
Family flowers only please by request. Donations if desired for The N.S.P.C.C. or Big Issue.
All enquiries Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel: 01695 559868

TAYLOR JAMES

Passed away peacefully at home on the 11th December 2019 aged 67 years.

Dearly loved Father of James, Joseph, Stephen, Judith, Gary and Mark.
Will be sadly missed Funeral Service to be held at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Friday 20th December 2019 at 10.00am

Family flowers only please but donations if desired to R.S.P.C.A. c/o the funeral director.
Enquiries to Neal Buckley, Tarleton Funeral Home, 49, Church Road, Tarleton, PR4 6UQ. Tel: 01772 301700.



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DEATHS

McLEAN TERENCE JOHN (Terry)

On 20th November 2019, Unexpectedly in Hospital

Aged 80 years

R.I.P.

Beloved Husband of Bella, loving Dad of Karen and Gill, dear Father-in-Law of Paul and Brian, and much loved Grandad Terry of Jonathan, Lawrence, Alex and Annabelle.

Funeral service and interment will take place at Sacred Heart Church on Friday 20th December at 10:45am.

Family flowers only by request, donations if so desired for Claire House Children's Hospice. Donations and further enquiries please to M. Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG. Tel: 01704 214118

DEATHS

LAWRENCE MARY EDITH

12th December 2019
Aged 78 years.
Peacefully at home with her family beside her.

Reunited with her beloved Husband Peter and Son Stephen. Loving Mother of Martin and Claire, Sister to John, Mother-in-Law, Nan and Great Nan. Mary will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service will take place at 2:15pm at St Luke's Church, Crosby followed by cremation at Thornton Crematorium on Monday 30th December. By request please wear something colouful to celebrate Mary's Life.

Donations if desired to Alder Hey Childrens Hospital c/o H. Leslie Humphreys, 69 Liverpool Road, Crosby, Liverpool, L23 5SE Tel: 0151 924 4805

DEATHS

SALMON JOYCE

14th December 2019
peacefully in hospital with her family
by her side
aged 82 years

Loving Wife of Ernie. Devoted Mum to Carol, Michael, Nige, Dave. Grandmother to Ashley, Dean, Thomas, Leah, Hannah, Oscar, Max & Josh. Great Grandmother to Kayla, Amelia, Mia & Charlie. Will be sadly missed by all that knew her. Service to take place at West Lancs crematorium on Monday 23rd December 2019 at 1pm. Family flowers only please. Donations to Alder Hey Hospital if desired.

All enquires to Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy lane Tel: 01695 559868

DEATHS

DALY ELLEN (NEE NORRIS)

14th December 2019
aged 89 years
Peacefully at High Wray Care Home, Aughton

Loving Wife of the late Norman. Dearly loved Mum of Janice and Robert and Mother in law to Stephen. Cherished Nan to her Grandchildren Mark, Anna and David and Nan-in-law to Dominique and Steven. Devoted Big Nan to her Great Grandchildren Evie, Katherine and Luke. Ellen will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Family flowers only please but if desired, donations to British Heart Foundation or Claire House Children's Hospice. For funeral arrangements and further enquiries please contact Sally Hunter MLS Indepepndent Funeral Directors 20, Moss Delph Lane Aughton, Lancashire Tel: 01695 424888

DEATHS

BALDWIN ENA MARY (NEE BIRCHALL)

7th December 2019
Peacefully in hospital
after a short illness
aged 84 years

Loving Wife of the late Eric. Devoted Mum of Linda, dear Mother in law of Tommy, cherished Grandma of Lisa, Lee and Laura and Great Grandma of Emily, Lucy, Katie, Joe, Chloe and Harrison. Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service will take place today, Wednesday 18th December at West Lancashire Crematorium at 3.15pm. Family flowers only please by request. Donations if desired for Cancer Research UK. All enquiries Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel: 01695 559868

DEATHS

HARGREAVES JAMES (JIM)

Passed away peacefully after a short illness in Southport & Formby Hospital
9th December 2019
aged 78 years

Beloved Husband of Joyce and Much loved Dad of Julie, Simon, Jessica and Alejandra, Loving Grandad of Lucia, Lewis and Fraser, and a dear Brother of Joyce and Chris. Funeral Service at St. Johns The Baptist Church, Burscough on Monday 23rd December at 11.15am, followed by committal at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough. Family flowers only please, donations if so desired to Cancer Research UK.

Donations and further enquiries please to Sally Hunter. MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Ormskirk. Tel: 01695 424888

DEATHS

MULLAN MARGARET ELLEN

10th December 2019
aged 97 years

It is with deep regret that the Nieces and Nephews of Auntie Margaret announce her death and the end of an era.

Her eleven Nieces and Nephews and their families will miss her so much, as will all her many friends, Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Friday 20th December 2019 at 12 noon at St. Maries R.C. Church, Southport, The burial will be at Liverpool Road Cemetery. Followed by a reception at Southport Cricket Club. Family flowers only, but Masses or donations for St. Maries will be appreciated.

Donations and further enquires please to, Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 22a, Liverpool Road, North, Burscough. Tel: 01704 891555.

DEATHS

RIMMER JEAN (Nee Wallbank)

8th December 2019
Age 90 years

Died peacefully at home. Loving Wife of the late Gerald Rimmer. Dad to Linda, David and Janet. Mother in law to David, Alyson and Bruce. Adored Grandma to Catherine, Laura, Sarah, Emily, Charlotte, Nicholas and Jonathan. Nanna to Great Grandson Frederick.

Funeral service to take place at Banks Methodist Church on Saturday 21st December 2019 at 2.15pm followed by Committal at West Lancs Crematorium at 4pm. Parking available at Briarlee Garden Centre, Chapel Lane, Banks.

Family flowers only. Donations to Alzheimers UK and Queenscourt Hospice.

Further enquiries to David Wilkinson Independent Funeral Directors, 311 Hesketh Lane, Tarleton, PR4 6RJ. Telephone: 01772 811165

McGEE LEANNE

12th December 2019
Taken from us too soon.
Aged 30 years

Truly loved and cherished, Daughter of June and Geoff and Step Daughter to Pam. Dearly loved Sister of Mark. Much loved Granddaughter, Niece and Cousin. Devoted Mother to Logan and Alex. Finally lost her 30 year battle, but she lived and loved her short beautiful life to the full. Sadly missed by us all but will be in the arms of her doting Grandad Bernie.

Service at Thornton Crematorium on Monday 30th December 2019 at 10:40am.

Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Woodlands Hospice c/o H.Leslie Humphreys, 69 Liverpool Road, Crosby, Liverpool, L23 5SE Tel: 0151 924 4805

WINFIELD BRIAN

After a short illness on 4th December 2019 aged 89 years

Beloved Husband of The Late Kath, Dear Father of Andrew and Julie, Father-in-law of Adrian, Loving Grandad of Molly. Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Funeral service to take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Thursday 19th December at 3.15pm. Family Flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for The Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation Further enquiries please to: W H Hull Funeral Directors 81 Church Road Tarleton Preston PR4 6UP 01772-812409

CAUNCE MARGARET JOY (JOY)

Passed away 6th December 2019
aged 74 years of Rufford

Dearly loved Wife of Harry, much loved Mum of Clare, Dear Mother-in-law of Joe, Loving Nana of Summer and Reiss. Loved and missed by all her family and friends. Funeral Service at West Lancashire Crematorium Burscough on Thursday 2nd January 2020 at 11.00am, Family flowers only please but donations if so desired to the British Heart Foundation Donations and further enquiries please to Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors. 22a, Liverpool Road North, Burscough Tel: 01704 891555.

PARRY MAURICE RIDDELL 'MO'

Aged 84 years
Passed away
peacefully at home
11th December 2019
surrounded by love and his family

Funeral to take place at Christ Church, Aughton Wednesday 18th December, 10:30am. All are welcome to celebrate his life with us and say goodbye to the man who meant so much to us all. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, to the British Heart Foundation.

Donations and further enquiries please to Sally Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Ormskirk, L39 5DZ. Tel: 01695 424888.

MCCULLOUGH KATHLEEN 'DOREEN'

After a short illness passed peacefully at The Willows on
10th December 2019, aged 91 years.

Much loved Mother of all her Children, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren. Doreen will be sadly missed by all her family and friends and all who knew her. She will always be in their hearts. Funeral Service and Committal will take place at West Lancs Crematorium on Monday 23rd December 2019 at 2.30pm. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for The Royal British Legion. Further enquiries please to Moisters Funeral Directors. 8 Marshside Road, Churchtown, Southport. PR9 8PF Tel: 01704 227430.

McDowall FRANCIS (Frank)

9th December 2019
Aged 78 Years

Died suddenly but peacefully with his family by his side. Beloved Husband of the late Ann. Much loved Dad of Kim and Julie. Grandad of Kayleigh, Laura, Natalie, Sarah and Great Grandfather of Heidi and Louie. Frank will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Service at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 19th December at 10:00am. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations are being collected for Down's Syndrome Association. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086

LLOYD STEVE

On 9th December 2019
In Hospital
Aged 62 years

Beloved Husband of Janet, loving Dad of Stephen and Natalie, devoted Grandad of Olivia, Isabella and Charlie and dear Brother of Frankie, Linda, Shirley, Debbie and Michelle.

Funeral service will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Friday 20th December at 3:15pm.

Family flowers only by request, donations if so desired for Queenscourt Hospice or Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation. Donations and further enquiries please to M. Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG. Tel:01704 214118.

BAMBER CAROLE ANN CONSTANTINE

9th December 2019
Aged 82 Years

Passed away peacefully at Kingsley Nursing Home, Birkdale. Devoted Mother of the late Tom. Funeral service at St James' Parish Church, Birkdale on Monday 23rd December at 11:00am followed by Interment at Liverpool Road Cemetery. Donations being received in lieu of flowers for St James' Parish Church, Birkdale. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

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IN MEMORIAM

BALL
JOHN
21st December 2015
Still sadly missed by all your family

Your loving Wife Pauline, Children, Granchildren and Great Grandchildren

XX

CHIN
ERIC
20th December
It's one year ago today that my heart was broken into a thousand pieces. These pieces will never be put back together again. The pain and the grief is so hard to bear.

I see your smiling face, your sparkling eyes shine brightly, I feel you holding my hand, I hear you whisper I love you and I whisper I love you too.

Now I treasure and I hold on tightly to all those memories we made together, knowing the time will come when we will be together again, side by side as it will always be.

Love from your heartbroken Wife Jacqueline

xx

QUINN
FRANK
In memory
22nd December 2017
2 years have gone by, always in our hearts forever, will never be forgotten from your loving wife Ruth and sons Anthony and Francis

PRAYERS

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Never known to fail.

O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, faithful Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity, O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother, O Holy Mary Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour me in my necessity.

(Make Request).

There are none that can withstand your powers. Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 Times).

Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3 times).

Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine.

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Friday 13th December 2019

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£250.....Mr Howell, Carnforth
£100.....Mrs Bellamy, Crosby

Plus 15 other winners of £10 each

PUBLIC NOTICES

Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT North Store Trucking Company Ltd of Unit N1, Haydock Cross Industrial Estate, Kilbuck Lane, Haydock, St Helens. WA11 9UX is applying for a licence to use Centaur House, Gardiners Place Skelmersdale Lancashire WN8 9SP as an operating centre for 4 goods vehicle and 4 trailers.
Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.

EILEEN PHILOMENA FAIRCLOUGH (Deceased)

Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the aforementioned deceased, late of Florida 72 Mill Lane Burscough Ormskirk L40 5SG, who died on 27/11/2019, are required to send particulars thereof in writing to the undersigned Solicitors on or before 28/02/2020, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to claims and interests of which they have had notice.
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Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

2019/1054/FUL Erection of a greenhouse at Hurlston Gate Farm, Southport Road, Scarisbrick.
The application affects a Listed Building.
2019/1182/ARM Approval of Reserved Matters - Erection of 267 dwellings including details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale. Discharge of Condition Nos. 5, 8, 14, 16, 18, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 and 35 from outline planning permission 2015/0171/OUT at Site Of Former Yew Tree Farm, Liverpool Road South, Burscough.
2019/1224/FUL Installation of electric metal gates at the front entrance of the property at 57 Granville Park, Aughton.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
2019/1247/FUL Change of use of part of ground floor to office space. Conversion of upper floor and change of use to student HMO including loft conversion and alterations/extensions to outriggers to create 28 bedrooms in various units at 24 - 26 Derby Street, Ormskirk.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e-mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development, Heritage & Environment Manager, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 24 days* of the date of this notice quoting the application number.
*17 days in the case of applications for Permission in Principle.
Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
If an appeal is made against a decision to refuse to grant planning permission, and that appeal proceeds under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.
How information about you will be used
Personal data provided by you will be used as part of the Council's statutory planning duties. Some of this information, including your name and address, will be published. Further information about this is available online at www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning and hard copies are available on request.
Heidi McDougall BSc (Hons), MBA Dated:18th December 2019
Corporate Director of Place & Community PDNOT1072

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(F7538 COURT GREEN, ORMSKIRK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019 (TEMPORARY AMENDMENT) ORDER 2019

The Lancashire County Council ("the County Council") in exercise of its powers under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, (the Act), and of all other enabling powers, **HEREBY** makes the following Order:-

The Lancashire County Council (F7538 Court Green, Ormskirk, West Lancashire Borough)(Temporary Prohibition Of Through Traffic) Order 2019, is hereby temporarily Amended in that:

i. To amend Article 3 as follows:
The prohibition will be operative from 0000 hours on Saturday 14th December 2019 until 1800 hours on Friday 24th January 2020 or until completion of the works within this period.

This Temporary Amendment Order shall come into operation on Monday 16th December 2019 and may be cited as **"The Lancashire County Council (F7538 Court Green, Ormskirk, West Lancashire Borough) (Temporary Prohibition Of Through Traffic) Order 2019 (Temporary Amendment) Order 2019"**

Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780
[Ref: HRiT/21750/EW/2]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(BOUNDARY LANE, HUNDRED END, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of Boundary Lane, Hundred End from a point 410m North East of the junction with Boundary Meanygate, Hesketh for a distance of 30m in a North Easterly direction.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Monday 13th January 2020 until 1700 hours on Wednesday 15th January 2020 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Boundary Lane, Hundred End – Taylors Meanygate, Hesketh Bank – Boundary Meanygate, Hesketh Bank – Boundary Lane, Hundred End and vice versa.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow new water connection for development works to be carried out by Gallagher Ltd on behalf of United Utilities.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/21127/EW]

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NOTICE OF PROPOSAL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(COCK ROBIN LANE, CATTERALL AND JOE LANE, CLAUGHTON, WYRE BOROUGH) (7.5 TONNE WEIGHT RESTRICTION) ORDER 201*

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council propose to make the above Traffic Regulation Order under Sections 1, 2 and 4 to the **Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to introduce a 7.5 Tonne weight restriction, except access, in the following lengths of road:
a) Cock Robin Lane, Catterall, the entire length;
b) Joe Lane, Claughton, the entire length.
A copy of the draft Order and associated documents for proposing to make the Order may be inspected during normal office hours at the offices of Wyre Borough Council, Civic Centre, Breck Road, Poulton-le-Fylde, FY6 7PU and at the offices of The Director of Corporate Services, Lancashire County Council, Christ Church Precinct, County Hall, Preston PR1 8XJ, and on Lancashire County Councils Website http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/roads/roadworks-and-traffic-regulation-orders/permanent.aspx. Any representations or objections (specifying the grounds on which they are made) relating to the proposal must be made in writing and should be sent to The Director of Corporate Services, Lancashire County Council, PO Box 78, County Hall, Preston PR1 8XJ or by e-mail to tro-consultation@lancashire.gov.uk **quoting ref:LSG4\894.10699\AFR** before the 15 January 2020.

Laura Sales, Director of Corporate Services
18 December 2019

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(F7538 COURT GREEN, ORMSKIRK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle, cycle or pedestrian to proceed over that length of F7538 Court Green from A570 Southport Road, Ormskirk to U1075 Court Green.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0000 hours on Saturday 14th December 2019 until 1700 hours on Friday 20th December 2019 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. There is no alternative route for vehicles as this is a footpath closure. An alternative route for cycle and pedestrian traffic affected by the closure is via:-
U1075 Court Green, Ormskirk – U1076 Courtfield, Ormskirk – C133 Grimshaw Lane, Ormskirk – A570 Southport Road, Ormskirk and vice versa.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow immediate works to the gas main to restore the gas supply to be carried out by Cadent Gas.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/21750/EW/1]

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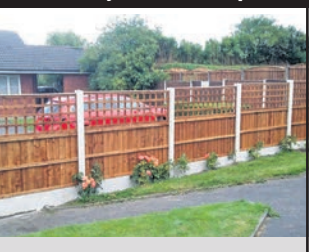
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Jaguar has done well not to ruin the looks of the F-type

Santa's sleigh needs to fit in the new Jaguars!

SANTA'S sleigh is going to need to be pretty hefty this year – because I suspect a fair few of you are going to be asking for the new Jaguar F-Type this Christmas.

Forget the logistics of getting this neatly facelifted sports car all the way from Castle Bromwich to the North Pole and then back to your place.

Put aside, for a moment, the question of how this range-topping Jaguar can possibly be squeezed down a chimney, and even if it could, what sort of an insurance payout the subsequent plummet towards your living room would prompt. Nope, just think about, despite the months of faffing with its already delicate lines, and Jaguar's decision to quietly drop the V6 from the range, how the F-Type is still one of the best-looking new cars on sale today.

Initially, I thought the squinting headlight treatment, nabbed straight from the i-Pace electric car, didn't really work – it almost looks as though it should have a set of Ferrari-esque pop-up headlights neatly sculpted into the bonnet too, but this isn't the 1990s anymore.

Nor do I think the copious use of 'JAGUAR – EST 1935' logos dotted around the interior do it any favours, but the rest of it looks absolutely spot on. Beautifully proportioned and, if Jaguar's promo video of a V8 F-Type being pushed hard around some Alpine roads is anything to go by, it still sounds just as spine-tingling as the outgoing car, too. But if a friend or relative really is going to stick you down for an order just in time for Christmas, they're going to have to be pretty generous.

Prices for the new F-Type start at £54,060, and that's for one of the two-litre, four-cylinder versions, rather than the full fat V8 models.

A considerable amount when you remember that you can get a Porsche 718 Cayman S and the Mercedes-AMG SLC43, two-seater sports cars which are much more powerful than the F-Type, for less.

So which would I go for? None of them, actually, because I reckon the new Jaguar F-Type has some tough home-grown competition for less than half the price. The toughest competition for the new F-Type, I reckon…is the old F-Type.

Especially because, having just been made to look positively outdated, I think now's absolutely the right time to make brave offers for the rakish original.

The other day I had a look at the classified ads and found a V6-engined model for £21k – so that's an F-Type for less than the price of an entry-level Mondeo.

In other words, you get a (slightly) better looking Jaguar with more power (335bhp vs 300bhp). Admittedly, the one I found had 110,000 miles on the clock, and won't have a warranty – but the £33,000 saving will pay for a *lot* of repairs!

It's the same story with Porsche Caymans, BMW M3s, Mercedes SLKs and Audi TTs too – because the sort of people who insist on keeping up with the Joneses want the latest one to show off in, the savings on the old ones make them stomping value.

The older, prettier F-Type and more than £30k in your back pocket, or the wow factor of the new one?

For me, it's a no-brainer.

David Simister is the editor of Classic Car Weekly

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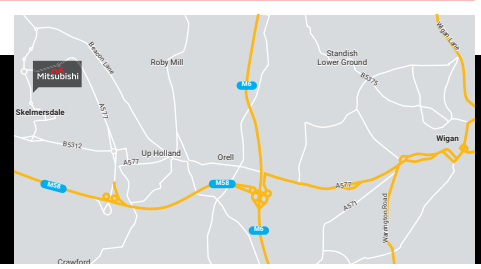

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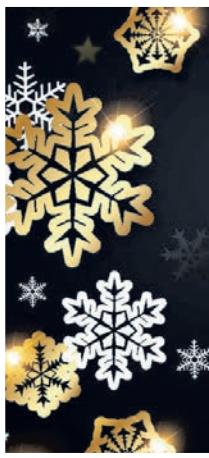

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Burscough to host Bucks in local derby

BURSCOUGH face a tough week ahead as they travel to third placed Longridge Town tonight (Wednesday, December 18) before hosting Bootle this Saturday.

The Linnets will hope to build on their well-earned win last weekend against Whitchurch Alport but will face a stern test against promotion-chasing Longridge.

Once that fixture is out the way, attention will turn to this Saturday's local derby against Bootle.

The Bucks are fifth in the table and will have promotion ambitions of their own, so the Linnets will know they will have to be at their best to get anything from the game.

The two sides have already met this season back in August when Bootle made light work of Burscough by winning 4-1.

But Burscough will arrive with confidence having moved three points away from bottom-placed Remyca (see below for bottom of the table).

However, the Linnets will know their local rivals have two games in hand after their weekend fixture was called-off due to bad weather.

Meanwhile, Skelmersdale United don't have a match midweek and their next game is this Saturday away at Whitchurch Alport.

Skem will perhaps take confidence from Burscough's victory over Whitchurch and hope to be on the right end of a similar scoreline as they look to put some distance between themselves and the relegation zone.

Their point against Squires Gate took them up to 14 points and they will want to build on this, with three points on Saturday potentially lifting them up to 16th place.

However, they will still be wary of Burscough breathing down their neck, particularly as the two sides are due to meet in what promises to be a huge match on Boxing Day.

	Club	MP	W	D	L	Pts
16	Hanley Town	17	4	4	9	16
17	Padiham	18	4	3	11	15
18	Skelmersdale United	18	3	5	10	14
19	Burscough	19	3	3	13	12
20	Litherland REMYCA	17	1	6	10	9

Skem come back from three goals down to earn point

Dream debut for Klein-Davies who bags a brace in stunning fightback

Skelmersdale United 3
Squires Gate 3

SKELMERSDALE United produced a stunning second half performance to come back from three goals down to earn a point, writes *Simon Driscoll*.

A milestone 50th game in charge of United saw Paul McNally give first starts to Joe Herbert and Joshua Klein-Davies while Tom Croughan was handed a rare start and Khalil Osi-Efa returned to the starting line-up.

United started the brighter with Alex Griffiths' looped cross finding the head of Tom Croughan who flicked the ball wide of the post.

Gate responded with a flicked pass from Joshua Boyd finding the run of Gary Pett who hit narrowly over the bar from a tight angle. After an interception in midfield, Marvin Molyneux tried his luck from distance with an effort which went over the target.

Gate were given a great chance to open the scoring and took it on 19 minutes when Ryan Riley arrowed superbly a free kick into the top corner for 1-0.

They made it 2-0 on 27 minutes as clever skill from Riley on the wing saw him cut inside and cross but the clearance from Murphy fell to Joshua Pollard who picked out Boyd for a tap in past Barnes.

United responded with a Jack Grimshaw pass finding Emini Adegbenro who advanced on goal and slotted an effort narrowly past the near post before a cross from Adegbenro found Grimshaw whose return cross evaded his teammates in a good position.

The missed chances proved costly for United as Gate made it 3-0 on 35 minutes, Pollard's shot from the edge of the area looked to be safely parried by Barnes but the ball came off his hands and looped over him into the empty net.

The second half opened with a long range Griffiths' free-kick needing just a touch to cut the gap.

The gap was cut in style on 52 minutes, Griffiths' aerial clearance and Osi-Efa's flick on bounced nicely for Croughan to collect and race towards goal and he squared for Adegbenro who slotted past Gidley for 3-1.

Joshua-Klein Davies scores for Skem. Picture by Nick Gerrard

Klein-Davies flicked a shot past the post before he got his name on the scoresheet with some luck. A through pass from Osi-Efa saw the striker advance on goal unchallenged to slot past Gidley for 3-2 after the Gate defenders incorrectly appealed for offside.

The comeback saw Gate respond with a quick run and shot from Pollard going achingly past the post before United had a chance to level, as a run and looping cross from substitute Regan Jarrett became a shot as Gidley tipped the ball away from goal.

United's epic comeback was completed on 80 minutes when Barnes' long kick bouncing nicely for Osi-Efa who headed into the path of Klein-Davies who slotted in for his brace to make it 3-3.

United pushed to try and claim a winner as the game entered the final minutes and saw a shot from Adegbenro sail over the bar before he came achingly close from finding the run of Klein-Davies with Gidley just about ending the danger.

The final whistle came with United claiming a point and unlucky not to have even won while Gate reflected on a dream start that became a second half nightmare.

Early penalty sends Linnets on way to win

Burscough 2
Whitchurch Alport 0

BURSCOUGH picked up a vital three points on Saturday after they made the most of a dream start.

The Linnets had won just one game all season prior to this match, and the victory move them away from bottom-placed Litherland Remyca, who didn't play.

With around 40 seconds on the clock the referee awarded a penalty to Burscough with a clear foul committed in the area.

Nathan Martland smashed the spot kick right down the middle and Alport were already staring down the barrels.

For the best part of 30 minutes the game was scrappy with few chances but full-back Adam Dixon missed a glorious chance to double his side's lead with a tame effort that went straight to a grateful Dave Parton in the Alport goal.

Dixon would later play a key part in the decisive goal. At the opposite end, Linnets keeper Dave Jones had been a virtual bystander but he was then called into action three times in the space of a minute.

First, Jud Ellis was thwarted by the Burscough stopper and as the ball was only half cleared, Sean Griffiths let fly from 25 yards only for Jones to make a flying save before springing to his feet and denying Ellis once more.

The game had come to life and Connor Ready brought a miraculous save from Parton with a vicious swerving shot that was heading for the roof of the net.

The next goal was always going to be crucial and twice Alport had great chances to score.

Dixon, who had wasted that great chance earlier, ran half the length of the pitch to go right into the bowels of the Alport defence to square brilliantly to George Lomax standing all alone at the far post who found the net.

Connor Christiansen then let Alport off when, from just eight yards out and nobody near him, he could only pass the ball to Parton who should have been picking the ball out of his net for the third time.

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